

AS

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-375-C - ORDER NO. 97-70

JANUARY 24, 1997

IN RE: Petition of AT&T Communications of ) ORDER  
the Southern States, Inc. for Arbitration ) GRANTING  
with GTE South, Inc. ) PARTICIPANT  
 ) STATUS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the Petition to Intervene filed by the South Carolina Cable Television Association ("SCCTA"). By and through the Petition, SCCTA requests permission to intervene in the referenced Arbitration. Before the Commission for consideration also is the Request to Participate in the Arbitration filed by the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the "Consumer Advocate").

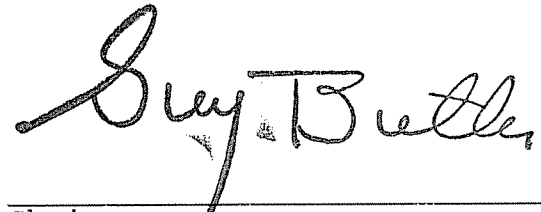
The Commission now considers the Petition and Request. We grant the Consumer Advocate permission to observe the Arbitration proceeding as a "Participant" as we have granted previously in prior dockets. We deny SCCTA's Petition to Intervene but do grant it Participant status for Arbitration. Both "Participants" are granted the opportunity to observe the proceeding; file with the Commission by January 29, 1997, a nonbinding list of proposed questions that the Arbitrator may ask of the witnesses during the arbitration; and make opening and closing statements to the

Commission during the Arbitration.

We do not grant intervenor status to SCCTA as requested by the Petition, and, therefore, SCCTA is not a party of record. As well, the Consumer Advocate is not a party of record.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

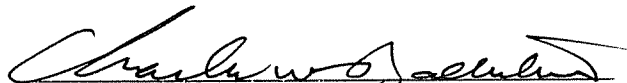
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Chairman

ATTEST:



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Executive Director

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